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New CIA Head Says Disclosures Hurt

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WASHINGTON—Adm. Stansfield Turner took over a Central Intelligence Agency Wednesday that he said has been "battered", by disclosures of improper activities.

"His own integrity is the surest guarantee that no future abuses will embarrass us," President Carter said after Turner had taken the oath from Supreme Court Justice Byron White. Although Turner was not Carter's first choice for the job, the President said he offered him the position "with a sense of relief, a sense of sure judgment, a sense of confidence."

Turner, 53, was a classmate of Carter's at the Naval Academy. He gave up the command of NATO forces in southern Europe to accept the CIA appointment. Carter told CIA employes following the swearing in ceremony that he was seeking the "deepest possible commitment that every action by the intelligence community now and in the future will be legal and proper"

Speaking in the dome-shaped auditorium at the agency's headquarters in nearby Langley, Va., the President said that should any "illegality" come to the attention of CIA officials, he is to be informed about it "immediately." Concealment of any such information would be a "devastating additional blow," Carter added.

Carter said that the agency has been "perhaps damaged by the revelation of past mistakes." Turner, acknowledged earlier Wednesday that this was true.

In a breakfast with reporters, the 53-year-old former Rhodes scholar said

that the CIA has "been battered over the hast two to two and a half years."

He said that reent press reports about secret CIA payments to Jordan's King Hussein, for instance, had adversely affected the U.S. intelligence community, as well as the government as a whole. The "confidence" of "Jordan and much of the world in the way we do business with them was very badly shaken," he said. Turner divulged that the CIA is trying to pinpoint the source of the Hussein leak. Thus far in its investigation, he reported, the agency has been unable to do so

Asked whether the story should have been published in the first place. Turner replied, "That is a value judgment that belongs in the realm of the media and not the intelligence community."

Turner would not confirm reports that payments to Jordan have been stopped. However, he did say he is studying whether the Jordanian payments and others can be converted from covert toovert

In his news conference Wednesday, Carter was asked about reports that Helms may be indicted for perjury in connection with testimony he gave the Senate on the role, if any, of the CIA and ITT in the 1973 overthrow of Chilean President Salvadore Allende.

"The Helms case has not come to my attention, either officially or even indirectly, from any of the people involved," the President said. "Whether or not to proceed with the case will be the exclusive right of the Justice department."